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Letter dated 30 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you of a delicate development in the security situation in Iraq relating to the Muthanna project (a former chemical weapons facility).

On the night of Wednesday, 11 June 2014, armed terrorist groups entered the Muthanna project site, which includes bunkers 13 and 41, where remnants of the former chemical weapons programme are kept. They detained the officers and soldiers of the protection force at the site and seized their weapons and equipment.

The project management spotted at dawn on Thursday, 12 June 2014, through the camera surveillance system, the looting of some of the project equipment and appliances, before the terrorists disabled the surveillance system.

In the light of the repercussions of this event, the Government of Iraq requests the States Members of the United Nations to understand the current inability of Iraq, owing to the deterioration of the security situation, to fulfil its obligations to destroy chemical weapons. The Government will resume its efforts with regard to its obligations as soon as the security situation has improved and control of the facility has been regained.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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